

Today, the school remains committed to the philosophy envisioned by St. Madeline Sophie Barat, founder of the Sacred Heart school network, to provide young women with a challenging education, develop their faith, and promote a desire to help others.

The Country Day School of the Sacred Heart has a long tradition of fostering the growth of young women into scholars and leaders. By offering a strong liberal arts program, the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart has helped many young women reach their personal and scholastic potential. Students are able to develop academically, personally, spiritually and socially through the school's well-rounded curriculum.

I appreciate the dedication of the staff members who work around the clock to educate and guide the students. Their persistence has empowered generations of young women, helping them attain the skills and character to become the leaders that St. Madeline Sophie Barat imagined.

Mr. Speaker, the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart has been changing the lives of young women for the past 150 years. I congratulate the school and look forward to seeing the excellent work it will continue to do in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO EMILY DOOLEY

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emily Dooley of Madison County, Iowa, for qualifying for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals in the pole bending event.

Each summer, approximately 1,000 youth competitors from across the country qualify to compete for scholarships and prizes at the National Junior High Rodeo Finals. I commend Emily for her hard work and dedication to achieving her goals. She is a phenomenal young role model for others who are aspiring to compete in this prestigious national event.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Emily in the United States House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emily on a job well done, and wishing her nothing but continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. RINIA SHELBY-CROOMS

#### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, if there are three core qualities that make an exemplary public servant, they might be the following: integrity, energy, and compassion. Mrs. Rinia Shelby-Crooms, who is leaving my office after 13 years of extraordinary service, uniquely embodies each of these qualities.

Rinia is a woman of undeniable integrity. Her commitment to her family, her faith, and her focus on building a better world animate her to excellence in the workplace and be-

yond. Whether it's conducting legislative research to protect America's endangered honeybees or juggling a dozen or more urgent scheduling requests over the course of an afternoon, Rinia has always emphasized quality, honesty, and care in each and every one of her undertakings.

Rinia also possesses incredible energy. While caring for two precious young boys, she has written legislation, organized Congressional briefings, counseled and cared for her fellow staffers, managed my often hectic schedule, and ensured my timeliness in arriving at speaking engagements and on airplanes. She maintains an upbeat attitude and focused attention—even when called upon for complicated logistical requests in the wee hours of the morning.

Rinia is driven by deep compassion. Through her legislative portfolio, she has worked toward achieving progress in the areas most aligned with her life's mission: ensuring that foster children have access to safe and loving homes, guaranteeing Americans high-quality food, and defending the rights of Mother Nature. Rinia embodies compassion both big and small. She's not only committed to large-scale change in order to support and protect people and the planet, but also committed to showing the utmost care and kindness to the people she encounters each and every day.

I am indebted to Rinia for her selfless service. But I am also indebted to her husband, Jeremiah, and her two young sons, Jayden and Jayee, who have also made important sacrifices as Rinia spent long hours, late nights, and weekends in service of our mission of advancing the causes of jobs, justice, and peace.

There is one consolation for me as I bid farewell to Rinia: This is only the beginning of her contributions to Southeast Michigan and to our nation. She and her family are returning to the Detroit Metropolitan Area, so that she can pursue work as a consultant focused on bringing new economic opportunity to our region.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Mrs. Rinia Shelby-Crooms for her 13 years of selfless service. I am deeply moved by her example of integrity, energy, and compassion.

#### TRIBUTE TO ELI KASAP

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Eli Kasap of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class 1A Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Eli, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa 1A State Track and Field Championships. Eli has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Eli and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the

United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Eli on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. GARY EASTERLING

#### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gary L. Easterling on his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Since 2007, Mr. Easterling has served as the President and CEO of United Federal Credit Union headquartered in St. Joseph, Michigan. Under his leadership, the credit union has seen its assets more than double. United Federal Credit Union has over \$1.8 billion in assets, serves over 130,000 members, and employs more than 900 people. With more than 32 years of credit union experience, Mr. Easterling will be an incredible federal advocate for credit unions.

Mr. Easterling served previously as CEO of Century Credit Union in Cleveland, Ohio, and with Wright Patt Credit Union in Fairborn, Ohio, where he held leadership roles in almost every functional area. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, as well as a Master's in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. He currently serves on NAFCU's Legislative Committee. Mr. Easterling's deep knowledge of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions will give him tremendous expertise on the NAFCU Board, especially as the country continues to recover from the financial crisis.

I wish Mr. Easterling the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board and I look forward to working with him in this capacity. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating him on this special achievement.

#### WELCOME TO SCENIC SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown of Sugar Land, Texas for earning a Gold Level Scenic City Certification. Sugar Land residents know full well what a beautiful city we live in, and we are proud that everybody across Texas agrees.

Scenic Texas, a non-profit organization, awarded the Gold Level Scenic City Certification to Sugar Land for the next five years. The organization took note of our City's beautiful landscapes, tree-lined streets, and dedication to cultural arts. This certification further demonstrates Sugar Land's commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents. We are extremely proud of our growing city and are proud to call it home.